Doctor *Badger's* VINDICATION of Himself, from the Groundless CALUMNIES and Malicious SLANDERS, of some *London-Apothecaries.*

TO

Mr. *Peter Gelsthorpe*, present Master, } Of the Worshipful Com-
Mr. *Thomas Gardner*, Master Elect; } pany of *Apothecaries*,

AND

To the other GENTLEMEN of the Court of Assistants.

BRITISH MUSEUM

SIRS,

WHEN the New-Statutes of the Colledge of Physicians *London*, were made and promulgated in the Theatre, on the 28*th* day of *September* 1687; wherein were contained several New Laws against the *Apothecaries*, together with the *Signetur*-Statute, which for some time did very much perplex, and gaul them, by stopping their impertinent tattle with Patients; upon this occasion they had several Meetings and Consults at their Common-Hall, and elsewhere how to evade and baffle that Statute. Then was I caress'd and courted by Mr. *William Bradford* the Master, Mr. *James Travers* Warden, the greater part of the Court of Assistants, and many more of the Livery; particularly Mr. *George Dare* who procured me several Copies of the old Statutes, as those that are mark'd with these Characters ** in the old Statutes *Fol.* 99, which were Inserted by his instigation only; (as to the New I had them from Dr. *Francis Bernard*) and was earnestly press'd by them to Print, and Publish the new and old Statutes in Latin with an English Translation *Adverbum:* And the more to engage me in this Design they promised to take off the whole Impression, but when the Books were Printed, many that before had promised to take twenty, or thirty, refused to take any more than one or two, and so the Impression was left on my hand to make what I could of them. Sometime after the Colledge enters into a New Association by Subscribing 50 *l. per* Man to stand by the President and Censors for promoting the good of the Colledge; Hereupon several Persons were arrested, as Mr. *William Phillips*, *&c.* Then several Halls were called, and the *Apothecaries* were in such Amazement and Consternation, they knew not what to do. Then was I again desired by Mr. *John Danson* Master, Mr. *Mark Stratton*, and Mr. *Edward Baker* Wardens of the Company, to Print a Catalogue of the Doctors in the Universities, and the Catalogue of the then present Colledge, with those that had Subscribed the New Association, a Catalogue of whom I received from Dr. *Francis Bernard*, Transcribed with his own Hand from the Colledge-Books, which I have still by me, and was deliver'd to me for the Use and Service of the Company of *Apothecaries*, that they might know who were Doctors and who were not, and who were Enemies to the *Apothecaries*; and for this good Service I was promised by the Master and Wardens, that the Company would, and should pay the Charge, and I should be well-rewarded for doing them such a Singular Service at that Conjuncture. I waited some Months and heard nothing from the Master or Wardens; Then Mr. *Bradford* advised me to put Mr. *Danson* the Master, in mind of what Service I had done the Company, because he would shortly be out of the Mastership, and would then forget it: I did accordingly, and the said Master proposed it to a Court of Assistants, and they ordered ten Guineas to be paid me by their Renter-Warden, Mr. *Edward Baker* which I received: And the Master came to me just before Dinner and told me the order of the Court, and said there were some ill Men amongst them, and he could not possibly get any more at that time. Some time after, the Association of 50 *l. per* Man requiring too great a Sum for the Members of the Colledge to raise, another Expedient was thought of, *viz.* to Subscribe 10 *l.* a Man and pay down 5 *l.* presently; the other 5 *l.* some Months after, to set up a *Dispensary*, to make and prepare their own Physick, for the good of their Patients and relief of the Poor. According to this Project a *Dispensary* was erected, and a small Pamphlet was Printed and dispersed about the Town, wherein the Colledge promised to afford their Medicines Sixteen Shillings in the Pound cheaper than the *Apothecaries*.

Then was I again requested by the Master, Mr. *William Phillips*, Mr. *Thomas Elton* Pro-Warden (who then served for *Thomas Langham* Esq; and was abused by him for his Pains and trouble) and Mr. *Thomas Angeir* Renter-Warden, to answer that Pamphlet; to whom I reply'd I would, but that I had already expended much more mony for the Company's Service than they had paid me; whereupon another Court of Assistants ordered ten Pounds more to be paid me: and then several of the Court of Assistants, as Mr. *Peter Gelsthorpe* (who at the same time shewed me a Copy of the last Statutes made in English only, and given him by a Fellow of the Colledge, which he has since desired me to Print) and Mr. Deputy *Gardner* desired me to give them a full Account of all the Charges I had expended for the Company's Service; which I did in particulars, without reckoning any thing for trouble of Journeys, labour or loss of time, but only what I have expended which was 67 *l.* 14 *s.* 6 *d.*

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Then afterwards by another Court of Aſſiſtants, I was ordered ten Pounds more, as a Charitable Gift, as *Thomas Langham* Eſq; Mr. Deputy *Gardner* and ſome others were pleaſed to call it, for fear of diſobliging the Colledge, and upon a pretence to unite them and the Company. But the Renter-Warden Mr. *Angeir* would not pay the laſt ten Pounds, without a Receipt in full of all Debts, Dues, and Demands from the Company of *Apothecaries*, and drawn up by ſome Scrivener. I read the Receipt, and ask'd him if he had any ſuch Order from the Court of Aſſiſtants; he anſwered me No, but he was adviſed (I believe by *Thomas Langham* Eſq; Mr. Deputy *Gardner* and Mr. *Henry Sykes*) and reſolved not to pay the Money unleſs I would Sign that Receipt: Wherefore, becauſe he told me he had no ſuch Orders from the Court of Aſſiſtants, I believing them to be Men of Honour and Honeſty, did Sign that Receipt, and received the other ten Pound, and I was afterwards inform'd by Mr. *Thomas Dalton* a late Maſter of the Company, that the Court of Aſſiſtants was very angry with Mr. *Angier* for demanding or taking ſuch a Receipt, and did reprehend him very ſeverely for it, but for what reaſon I know not, unleſs becauſe the Receipt acknowledg'd the Truth which they endeavour to ſtifle, and ſo would cheat me of what I have expended for their Service.

The *Diſpenſaries* gaining Reputation, another Paper was writ againſt the *Apothecaries*, and by the ſly and ſecret Intreague of ſome of them, I was again requeſted by the mouth of Dr. *Greenfield* to anſwer that Paper, he telling me for Encouragement that Mr. Deputy *Gardner* had wrote ſomething in Anſwer to it, and that he had ſeen and read it, and would procure Mr. Deputy's Paper to be ſomething of a Help and Inſtruction to me in Writing. I communicated this to Mr. *Thomas Elton* the then Maſter, and he appointed to meet me and Dr. *Greenfield*, at *Leonard*'s Coffee Houſe in *Finch-Lane*, and we met accordingly, and ſent to Mr. Deputy *Gardner*, but he was not at home, we ſtayed there ſome time but he came not, and then Mr. *Elton* left us: after this Dr. *Greenfield* and my ſelf went to his Houſe in *Leaden-hall Street*, but he not being returned home, we left word that we waited on him to ſee a Paper he had written, and Dr. *Greenfield* ſpoke with his Servant to deſire his Maſter to incloſe it in a Letter to him at his Houſe.

By all this, it is manifeſt that I did not on my own Humour and Head, (as has been falſly ſuggeſted by ſome of the *Leaden-hall* Apothecaries and Mr. *Langham*, &c. in ſome of the late Courts of Aſſiſtants) undertake and write what I have done, but by the Advice and Direction, or at leaſt with the Approbation and by the encouragemnt of the moſt conſiderable Perſons of the Company, as Mr. *William Bradford*, *James St Amand* Eſq; *James Chaſe* Eſq; Mr. *Michael Peirce*, Mr. *John Dawſon*, Mr. *Thomas Hotchkis*, Mr. *William Rouſe*, and many more.

Although *Thomas Langham* Eſq; with the *Leaden-hall* Apothecaries, could procure Mr. *John Danſon*, Mr. *Edward Baker*, and the whole Court of Aſſiſtants to diſown and deny what they had thrice before acknowledg'd, and could ſo wiſely and poſitively determine, and enter into their Books, Becauſe the Printing and Publiſhing the Statutes, Regiſters, and Catalogues of the Univerſities, and Colledge, were not ordered, in, and by a Court of Aſſiſtants; therefore the Court was not concerned to ſee the Debt paid. But I can inform him and the Court of Aſſiſtants that acquiesc'd in that Sentence, that a Debt contracted by the Maſter for the Company, has been paid by them although contracted contrary to an Order of a Court of Aſſiſtants; and I would ask what Service Dr. *Greenfield* had done for the Company of *Apothecaries*, that they ſhould preſent him out of the Common Stock, with the Summ of Fifteen Pounds by the hand of their Clark, to oppoſe the Colledge, and maintain the Suit then depending at *Weſtminſter-Hall*. I pray Was this ordered, in, or by a Court of Aſſiſtants, or was it not by *Thomas Langham* Eſq; Mr. *Henry Sykes*, Mr. *Thomas Fyge*, and Mr. Deputy *Gardner*, firſt propoſed, and agreed on at a Dinner at Mr. *Ruſſell*'s in *Ironmonger Lane*, and never brought before a Court of Aſſiſtants? And I deſire to be ſatisfied if *Thomas Langham* Eſq; with his Court of Aſſiſtants, could legally turn out any Citizen by advice of their Clark only, and order him to withdraw from a Common-Hall, at which he had as much right to be preſent, as any other Free-Member of the Company that was thereunto Summoned.

To Mr. PETER GELSTHORP, Maſter of the Worſhipful Company of *Apothecaries*.

SIR,

I HERE preſent you with a New-years Gift, viz. 100 *of the laſt New-Laws of the Colledge made in Engliſh only; Printed from the Copy I received from your Hands, and at your deſire, to ſerve the Publick, and I believe they may be Serviceable; if you in the Station you are now in, pleaſe to Communicate them to your Court of Aſſiſtants, or to ſuch Members of Parliament whom you may Judge proper in this Juncture of Affairs; though the Charge of what I have Publiſhed for the Company hitherto, has layn on my Hands, I hope theſe may not.*

SIR,

I am

Decemb. 1701. *Your Humble Servant*

JOHN BADGER.